

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 253 without my signature.

This bill adds more requirements for juvenile court authorization and oversight of psychotropic medications for children in the child welfare and probation systems.

Last year, I signed a bill that required the Judicial Council, working with stakeholders, to amend and adopt rules of court and forms to help judges determine whether to authorize the use of psychotropic medications. These new rules and forms took effect July 1, 2016, and require significantly more information to be submitted to the court. Until we know the impact of these changes, it is premature to legislate additional measures.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown J